

§ 1511. Tax exemption

The Corporation, including its franchise, its capital, reserves, and surplus, and its income and property, shall be exempt from all taxation on or after February 16, 1938, imposed by the United States or by any Territory, dependency, or possession thereof, or by any State, county, municipality, or local taxing authority. A contract of insurance of the Corporation, and a contract of insurance reinsured by the Corporation, shall be exempt from taxation imposed by any State, municipality, or local taxing authority.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 511, 52 Stat. 75; Pub. L. 103-354, title I, § 108, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3197.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 inserted at end “A contract of insurance of the Corporation, and a contract of insurance reinsured by the Corporation, shall be exempt from taxation imposed by any State, municipality, or local taxing authority.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-354 effective Oct. 13, 1994, and applicable to provision of crop insurance under Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) beginning with 1995 crop year, with such Act, as in effect on the day before Oct. 13, 1994, to continue to apply with respect to 1994 crop year, see section 120 of Pub. L. 103-354, set out as a note under section 1502 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Administration of program of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 501, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1100. See note set out under section 1503 of this title.

Wartime consolidation of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration, see note set out under section 1503 of this title.

§ 1512. Corporation as fiscal agent of Government

When designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Corporation shall be a depository of public money, except receipts from customs, under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Secretary; and it may also be employed as a financial agent of the Government; and it shall perform all such reasonable duties, as a depository of public money and financial agent of the Government, as may be required of it.

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§ 1513. Books of account and annual reports of Corporation

The Corporation shall at all times maintain complete and accurate books of accounts and

shall file annually with the Secretary a complete report as to the business of the Corporation.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 513, 52 Stat. 76; Pub. L. 93-604, title VI, § 603, Jan. 2, 1975, 88 Stat. 1963; Pub. L. 103-354, title I, § 102(b)(4)(C), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3181.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-354 substituted “Secretary” for “Secretary of Agriculture”.

1975—Pub. L. 93-604 struck out provisions that financial transactions of Corporation shall be audited at least once each year by the General Accounting Office for the sole purpose of making a report to Congress, together with such recommendations as the Comptroller General of the United States may deem advisable and the proviso that such report shall not be made until the Corporation shall have had reasonable opportunity to examine the exceptions and criticisms of the Comptroller General or the General Accounting Office, to point out errors therein, explain or answer the same, and to file a statement which shall be submitted by Comptroller General with his report.

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Wartime consolidation of Federal Insurance Corporation into Agricultural Conservation and Adjustment Administration, see note set out under section 1503 of this title.

AUDIT OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

Section 9105(f) of Title 31, Money and Finance, provides that an audit under subsection (a) of that section is in place of an audit of the financial transactions of a Government corporation the Comptroller General is required to make in reporting to Congress or the President under another law.

§ 1514. Crimes and offenses

(a) to (e) Repealed. June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 21, 62 Stat. 862, eff. Sept. 1, 1948

(f) Application of laws on interest of Members of Congress in contracts

The provisions of section 22 of title 41 shall not apply to any crop insurance agreements made under this chapter.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 514, 52 Stat. 76; June 25, 1948, ch. 645, §§ 4, 21, 62 Stat. 859, 862.)

AMENDMENTS

1948—Subsecs. (a) to (e). Act June 25, 1948, § 21, repealed provisions relating to crimes and offenses. See sections 371, 433, 657, 658, 1006, 1014, and former section 1093 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Subsec. (f). Act June 25, 1948, § 4, struck out provisions relating to former sections 202 to 207 of Title 18. See sections 202, 216, 431 to 433 of Title 18.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1948 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act June 25, 1948, effective Sept. 1, 1948, see section 20 of that act.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Administration of program of Federal Crop Insurance Corporation transferred to Secretary of Agriculture by 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §501, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1100. See note set out under section 1503 of this title.

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§ 1515. Advisory Committee for Federal Crop Insurance

(a) Establishment

The Secretary may establish within the Department an advisory committee to be known as the "Advisory Committee for Federal Crop Insurance".

(b) Primary responsibility

The primary responsibility of the Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Secretary on the implementation of this chapter and on other issues related to crop insurance, as determined by the Manager of the Corporation.

(c) Membership

The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Manager of the Corporation, the Secretary (or a designee of the Secretary), and not fewer than 12 members representing organizations and agencies involved in the provision of crop insurance under this chapter. Not fewer than 3 of the members of the Advisory Committee shall be representatives of the specialty crops industry. The organizations or agencies represented by members on the Advisory Committee may include insurance companies, insurance agents, farm producer organizations, experts on agronomic practices, and banking and lending institutions.

(d) Administrative provisions

(1) Terms

Members of the Advisory Committee (other than the Manager of the Corporation and the Secretary) shall be appointed by the Secretary for a term of up to 2 years from nominations made by the organizations and agencies specified in subsection (c) of this section. The terms of the members (other than the Manager of the Corporation and the Secretary) shall be staggered.

(2) Chairperson

The Advisory Committee shall be chaired by the Manager of the Corporation.

(3) Meetings

The Advisory Committee shall meet at least annually. The meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be publicly announced in advance and shall be open to the public. Appropriate records of the activities of the Advisory Committee shall be kept and made available to the public on request.

(e) Reports

Not later than June 30 of each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit to the Secretary a report specifying the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding—

(1) the progress toward implementation of this chapter;

(2) the actuarial soundness of the Federal crop insurance program;

(3) the rate of producer participation in both catastrophic risk protection under section 1508(b) of this title and additional coverage under section 1508(c) of this title; and

(4) the progress toward improved crop insurance coverage for new and specialty crops.

(f) Termination of authority

The authority provided by this section shall terminate on September 30, 1998.

(Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, §515, as added Pub. L. 103-354, title I, §109, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3197.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section, act Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, §515, 52 Stat. 77, provided for appointment and compensation of an advisory committee, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-365, title I, §108, Sept. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1317.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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§ 1516. Funding

(a) Authorization of appropriations

(1) Discretionary expenses

There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1999 and each subsequent fiscal year such sums as are necessary to cover the salaries and expenses of the Corporation.

(2) Mandatory expenses

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to cover for each of the 1999 and subsequent reinsurance years—

(A) the administrative and operating expenses of the Corporation for the sales commissions of agents; and

(B) premium subsidies, including the administrative and operating expenses of an approved insurance provider for the delivery of policies with additional coverage.

(b) Payment of Corporation expenses from insurance fund

(1) Expenses generally

For each of the 1999 and subsequent reinsurance years, the Corporation may pay from the insurance fund established under subsection (c) of this section all expenses of the Corporation (other than expenses covered by subsection (a)(1) of this section and expenses covered by paragraph (2)(A)), including—

(A) premium subsidies and indemnities;

(B) administrative and operating expenses of the Corporation necessary to pay the sales commissions of agents; and

(C) all administrative and operating expense reimbursements due under a reinsurance agreement with an approved insurance provider.